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SUBJECT : THESSALONIKI PRESS, JULY 25.

1. BOTH THESSALONIKI MORNING NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO REPORTING ON FORMATION OF KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AND MESSAGES OF GREETING AND SUPPORT FROM WORLD LEADERS INCLUDING PRES NIXON, WILSON, ECEVIT AND GISCARD, AND FROM PROMINENT GREEKS.

2. "MAKEDONIA" MAJOR FRONT PAGE HEADLINES READ "FIRST MEASURES FOR LEADING NATION BACK TO DEMOCRACY: ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE RELEASED". FRONT PAGE CARTOON SHOWED GREEK NATIONAL EVZONE FIGURE BEATING MAN LABELLED "TYRANNY" OVER HEAD WITH PLASTER CAST (ALLUSION TO PAPADOPOULOS STATEMENTS ON SICKNESS OF GREEK BODY POLITIC). SMALL FRONT PAGE INSERT NOTED THAT "ON ORDERS FROM PROPER AUTHORITIES" 21 APRIL PHOENIX EMBLEMS BEING TAKEN DOWN FROM OFFICES AND OTHER LOCATIONS.

3. ALSO ON "MAKEDONIA" FRONT PAGE WAS ITS FIRST EDITORIAL IN SEVERAL YEARS, TITLED "NOBODY FORGETS". PIECE SAYS THAT "OILY OPPORTUNISTS" WHO "FOR YEARS PRAISED AND FLATTERED THE DICTATOR AND HIS SATELLITES" HAVE AGAIN EARNED THE "DETESTATION AND SCORN OF THE GREEK PEOPLE", BY JOINING "FROM FIRST DAY OF

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CHANGE IN ALGEGBLY CELEBRATING WITH GREEK PEOPLE RETURN OF

KARAMANLIS AND REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY". BUT NO ONE IS DECEIVED, KARAMANLIS DOES NOT FORGET "WHAT THEY WERE SAYING AND WRITING ABOUT HIM FOR SEVEN YEARS", AND "DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL LEADERSHIP DOES NOT FOREGET LABELS OF CORRUPT , TRAITORS AND DESTROYERS OF NATION ". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT GREEK PEOPLE WILL NOT FORGET HOW THESE PEOPLE "DEIFIED THE TYRANT WHILE THEY WERE SUFFERING", AND IT IS WELL KNOWN "WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY DID AND WHAT THEY ARE AIMING FOR". COMMENT: UNDERSTOOD THAT PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF EDITORIAL ARE ELIAS KYROU OF ELLINIKOS VORRAS, AND SAVVAS CONSTANTOPOULOS OF ELEFTHEROS COSMOS.

4. "MAKEDONIA" ALSO CARRIES STATEMENT FROM NORTHERN GREEK JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION EXPRESSING ITS SATISFACTION OVER REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND ITS SHARING IN GENERAL FEELING OF HAPPINESS. STATEMENT HONORS COLLEAGUES "WHO SUFFERED FOR SEVEN YEARS IN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF PRESS" AND PLEDGES SUPPORT TO KARAMANLIS AND HIS ASSOCIATES. IT ENDS WITH PETITION FOR ABOLITION OF "OPPRESSIVE ARTICLES OF PRESS LAW AND FULL REESTABLISHMENT OF FREEDOM OF PRESS".

5. "VORRAS" HEADLINES NOTED EXPECTED KARAMANLIS MESSAGE THIS EVENING, "ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE FREE: GENERAL AMNESTY: A GOVERNMENT OF PERSONALITIES". STATEMENT BY NIXON AND MAVROS SHARED FRONT PAGE WITH NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW CABINET MINISTERS AND WITH CARTOON OF TURK PLANE SINKING TURK NAVAL VESSEL.
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